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**Re: Lockformer Company, 711 Ogden Avenue, Lisle, Illinois**

Dear Mr. Krueger,

Thank you for your correspondence of April 2, 2003, and USEPA's commitment to continuing its cooperative relationship with the Village of Lisle and its efforts to protect the health and safety of the Village of Lisle residents. So that there is no misunderstanding between us, the Village wishes to further clarify our position as presented in our letter to Mr. Steve Faryan dated March 12, 2003, in which we stated that the Village would not review, approve or provide comments on the remedial equipment design plans and does not intend to determine whether the temporary equipment violates any building codes, and does not have a position as to whether the equipment is protective of human health and the environment and is safe. Some confusion arises by your responsive letter in which you state that USEPA understands that "... the Village does not and need not take any position on the technical merits or effectiveness of the equipment or the cleanup activities, but merely has an interest in seeing that the equipment meets the Village code requirements." (Emphasis added.)

The Village of Lisle does not intend to take any position on the technical merits or effectiveness of or on any other matters relating to the equipment or the cleanup activities nor does it intend to determine if the remedial equipment approved by the USEPA meets Village Code requirements. We do not currently have the necessary expertise on our staff to offer an opinion on these issues and would have to hire a specialized consultant at great

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expense to do so. The Village of Lisle welcomes the involvement of the USEPA, who has the staff, expertise and resources necessary for this effort.

Our letter of March 13, 2003, was intended to address the issue of the normal requirement for building permits, submission of plans, etc. for work on any site. The remediation effort here, with its necessary construction and equipment, would be an unusual occurrence in any community. The remediation processes planned for the Lockformer site involves complicated and specialized technology and is not in common usage. We have and will continue to review and improve items of permanent construction (such as the addition to the Lockformer building), as well as more routine items such as the temporary parking lot, the temporary haul road, the electric service for the remediation equipment, the pole structure for the weather station and the construction trailer. We will not, however, review engineering plans and specifications that require building permits for the temporary remediation equipment, such as the soil vapor extraction system and the electrical resistance heating system.

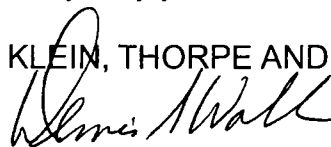
We are especially concerned that someone at the USEPA is reviewing or arranging to review the plans for the electrical resistance heating system, given the extremely large amounts of electricity that are passing through this system and the possible dangers to those in the vicinity. The Village of Lisle does not have the expertise to review these plans and is relying on the USEPA for this task.

Again, we very much appreciate the efforts of the USEPA concerning the cleanup of the spilled TCE at the Lockformer site and, as we move forward through this process, we thought it would be helpful to explain what we view to be the Village's role in this matter.

Thank you for your attention herein. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

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